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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break!

This term our topic is: '**Capital Cities**' We will be comparing London and Oxford through our Geography topic. We will look at weather, climate, population and tourism in both cities. Please see the Year 3 Topic Web for details of all curriculum areas this term. It also contains vocabulary that we will be using in class. We would encourage children who speak additional languages to talk about the topic and the vocabulary in their home language too, as this is proven to be helpful with understanding in class.

Miss Park teaches Year 3 Monday to Friday with Mrs Halcrow teaching each Tuesday afternoon. Our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Gray, Miss Blagoderova and Miss Greenhill will be supporting our class every day, with Mrs Magill supporting in the mornings during English.

Trips

This term we will be going to the Pantomime on the 15th December. This will be a really fun treat at the end of the term. The cost for this is £14 per child and can be paid via ParentPay or the school office.

P.E. and Library days

Our P.E. days are Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit (plain blue or black shorts or PE trousers/leggings, a plain blue or white t-shirt and appropriate trainers for outside PE on Tuesdays). This should be in school all week and may be left on their peg for the term.

The children will visit the school library each Monday afternoon; please can they have their library book in their book bag on a Monday. Children can also return their book any day to our class library box and then visit the library that lunchtime to get a new one.

Violins

In year 3, we have a wonderful opportunity to all learn to play the violin. Mrs Graham, our music teacher, will be teaching us on Thursday mornings. If your child already has a violin at home, it would be super useful for them to bring it in on Thursdays for them to play.

Homework

All homework will be posted on ClassDojo each Friday. There is an expectation to read daily, ideally still with an adult at home.

A specific maths activity will usually be set on Doodle Maths that relates to learning from that week. However, we love it when the children also complete the '5 a day' doodle maths activities to consolidate learning. Please let us know if your child has any problem with their log in details. There will also be a worksheet that can be printed out at home to complete. Please send me a photo or ask your child to bring it into school so that we can see that homework has been completed.

There will also be spellings to complete each week on Spelling Frame or please practise the spellings on paper.

Punctuality and Attendance

Doors open at 8.40 am. Children put away their things and settle in, ready for the day. The register is taken at 8.50 am. If you arrive in school after the register has been taken, you will need to take your child to the school office to register them.

Dates

Date	**Event**
Friday 13th November	Individual Photos
Friday 20th November	Children in Need
Thursday 26th November	Parent and Carer book look – 8:40-9:00am
Friday 27th November	INSET day
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair 3:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas Church service at St Andrew's
Thursday 10th December	Y3&4 Christmas play – 6pm
Tuesday 15th December	Pantomime
Thursday 17th December	Christmas dinner
Friday 18th December	Last day of term – 1:30pm finish

Communication

If you have an urgent message regarding your child, please phone the school office as we cannot always check our messages during the school day. If you have a non-urgent message, please feel free to use ClassDojo and we will endeavour to reply as soon as possible. Please keep an eye on ClassDojo for any upcoming dates or events. It is easier for us to chat or answer questions after school than in the morning when we are trying to ensure all children have a settled start to the day and feel welcomed by us.

How you can get involved

If you read our topic web and think you have a related specific skill or knowledge-set that could enrich the curriculum for our Year 3 children, then do let us know via Class Dojo and we can look into arranging a visit from you to our classroom.

Best wishes,

Miss Park and the Year 3 team.